

AND NOW THE EDITOR

Thus we conclude volume 43 of this journal. We are grateful that we have been able to come out, year in, year out, for these many years. "Little" magazines are generally short-lived (no *ayin ha-ra*). Since 1935, the philosophy outlined by Mordecai Kaplan has become a movement, with its own institutions, like the Federation of Congregations and the Rabbinical College. Our readership has expanded along with the growth of the movement . . . Yet we have tried, right along, not to transform this journal into a "house organ." There is a great temptation to exploit these pages for denominational purposes.

This does not mean that we are detached from our sources. On the contrary, we try, wherever possible, to publish articles and editorials which reflect the basic point of view of Reconstructionism. But we shy away from "news" of our affiliated groups. Once in a while, we offer books for sale; or announce a major event in the family. But we cherish the reputation we have earned of serving *k'lal yisrael*. We don't want as our readers only those who agree with us.

And now, with respect to this issue: our second editorial deals with the teaching of the Holocaust, and the lead article attempts to grapple with the religious, or theological, implications of that horrible chapter. Dr. Wil-

liam Orbach is associate professor of religion at the University of Louisville, in Louisville, Kentucky . . . His review of the current responses to the Holocaust strikes us as honest and lucid. It is not an easy matter for anyone striving to hold on to his "faith" to cope with the implications of the Holocaust.

Dr. Jack Cohen, our "man in Jerusalem," writes a moving tribute to the joys of living in Israel. He is correct in seeking to neutralize some of the impressions readers might have had from his previous essays. While he does not make a "pitch" for *aliyah*, he does at least portray the beauties of the land and the exhilarating challenge it presents . . .

Dr. Meir Ben-Horin was, for many years, professor of education at Dropsie College in Philadelphia. More recently he has been associated with Herzlia-Jewish Teachers Seminary in New York.

Dr. Emanuel Goldsmith, on the faculty at the University of Connecticut, is an authority on Yiddish and his book on Yiddishism will be reviewed here soon . . . Richard Libowitz is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, working on his Ph.D. dissertation . . . Richard Sherwin teaches at UCLA, Los Angeles . . . Apologies to Rabbi Byron Rubenstein whose poem appeared in the December issue, but who was not identified there. He serves Temple Israel in Westport, Conn. I.E.

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